

On Wednesday, May 18th, Congressman Wally Herger will hold a press conference to discuss legislation he introduced to combat the wildfire threat to communities across America. The Catastrophic Wildfire Community Protection Act would build on and expand existing authorities – such as those authorized by the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 – to achieve fuels treatments in at-risk communities to reduce the risk of wildfire through implementation of collaboratively developed fuels reduction and forest thinning projects. This bill also establishes an emergency process to expedite these projects should the county, in concurrence with the state, declare an emergency due to the threat of wildfire.

The press conference will be held on the property of Pete Moak, who instead of evacuating during the 2008 fires, remained behind to defend their property. The surrounding area of Concow was decimated by those fires and serve as a tragic example of the need for significant change in forest management policy. Fortunately, the Moaks were successful and their property is now the only green area surrounding by burned forest.

Who: Congressman Wally Herger

Pete Moak

Butte Co. Supervisor Bill Connelly

Plumas Co. Supervisor Lori Simpson

Sustainable Forest Action Coalition Representative Bill Wickman

Plumas Fire Safe Council Representative Scott Abrams

Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council Representative Brenda Rightmyer

Where: 13006 Concow Road--Home and property of Peggy and Pete Moak

When: 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 18th

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